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FM AMEMBASSY MUSCAT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3579

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FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: AODE, MU

SUBJECT: EVALUATION BY CHIEF OF MISSION OF PERSONNEL LEVELS

REF: STATE 201122

1. OUR LATEST REPORTING ON PERSONNEL LEVELS WAS MUSCAT 0511 OF MARCH 30 (CONFIDENTIAL/STADIS). I STAND BY THE EVALUATION OF USG INTERESTS AND PERSONNEL RESOURCE NEEDS CONTAINED IN THAT AND ITS COMPANION PIECE (MUSCAT 0502) OF SAME DATE. AS SHOWN IN MISSION STAFFING CHART INCLUDED IN MUSCAT 0511, EMBASSY HAS 11 AMERICAN AND 11 FSLE POSITIONS.

2. I AM ASSUMING DEPARTMENT REFTEL IS INTENDED TO COVER AMERICAN PERSONNEL ONLY. WHILE I REGARD EACH EXISTING POSITION AS IMPORTANT AND NONE AS EXCESSIVE, MY JUDGMENT OF RELATIVE PRIORITY WOULD MAKE FOLLOWING THE MOST VULNERABLE SHOULD A DECREASE IN MISSION ACTIVITY BE MANDATED.

A. E/C AND POLITICAL SECRETARY (POS. NO. 20-009). LOSS OF THIS SECRETARIAL POSITION WOULD, HOWEVER, CAUSE FREQUENT DELAYS IN PROCESSING OUTGOING EXECUTIVE OFFICE, POLITICAL AND E/C TRAFFIC FOR DISPATCH. IMMEDIATE TDY AMERICAN SECRETARIAL ASSISTANCE
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AT TIME OF LEAVE AND ILLNESS OF POST'S ONLY OTHER SECRETARIAL POSITION (NO. 00-007) WOULD BECOME ESSENTIAL, AND POST WOULD LOSE THE EMERGENCY BACKUP OF ITS C&R OFFICER. INCUMBENT OF POSITION 007 WOULD BE HARD-PRESSED TO RENDER SATISFACTORY COVERAGE OF EXPANDED JOB REQUIREMENTS IN FACE OF CONSTANT TELEPHONE AND VISITOR INTERRUPTIONS AND HAVING 3 SUPERVISING OFFICERS.

B. B&F OFFICER (POS. NO. 53-008). THOUGH STILL B&F DESIGNATED, THIS SLOT WAS RECOMMENDED BY POST SOME TIME AGO FOR RESEIGNATION TO GSO/B&F OFFICER TO REFLECT MORE ACCURATELY ACTUAL DUTIES ASSIGNED. WERE IT TO BE ABOLISHED, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THE ADMIN OFFICER AS REMAINING AMERICAN IN THAT SECTION

TO PREPARE REPORTS ON TIME AND TO GIVE HIGH LEVEL OF PERSONAL SUPERVISION TO FSLE STAFF. SUCH SUPERVISION IS ESSENTIAL AT THIS POST BECAUSE OF GENERAL LOW-SKILL LEVEL OF EMPLOYEES ON LOCAL MARKET AND DUE TO UNUSUAL MAINTENANCE NEEDS AT PRESENT 150-YEAR OLD COMBINED CHANCERY/COM RESIDENCE BUILDING. SOME B&F ASSISTANCE ON TDY BASIS WOULD ALSO BE REQUIRED.

3. PEACE CORPS. PRESENT PC STAFF LEVEL OF TWO AMERICANS IS REDUCIBLE IF PROGRAM IS TO REMAIN PROPERLY PLANNED AND EXECUTED.

4. FAA. AS IN-COUNTRY AMERICANS FROM FAA HAVE BEEN SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED BY OMANGOV AND THEIR SERVICES ARE REIMBURSED BY HOST GOVERNMENT, I HAVE EXCLUDED THEM FROM THIS EVALUATION.
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